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THE WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE,

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Sixth Annual Report by the Principal.

1861.

The Working Men's College has now been established above six years. There has been nothing in the experience of those six years to make us distrust the principle on which it was founded. Many students have been thankful that they joined it. The teachers have had at least as much reason to be thankful. Nor does the condition of the classes or of the funds at the present time offer any excuse for despondency. The attendance has been better since the first excitement of the Volunteer movement has ceased and the demands for attendance at drill have been less exacting. The real benefit of the corps for social purposes, and even as giving an object to the work of the College, is, we trust, beginning to appear. And the steady exertions of the Finance Committee, the liberality of old friends, and the increased income from students' fees, have enabled us to meet our current expenses and to invest a little.

It would be ungrateful not to record these facts. They afford, however, no plea for self-laudation. In six years much more should have been done than has been done. If the principle which we have asserted is right, we ought to have made its power far more widely and deeply felt than it has been felt. Agitation to establish Colleges, either in London or in the country, would not have effected this object. The noise and clatter of platforms does little for the elevation and reformation of classes or individuals. What is wanted is more energy and purpose among ourselves; a clearer and fuller understanding in the minds of us, the teachers, of the ends for which we are working; a more distinct and vigorous determination to impress the students with our own convictions. In every case the shame of any failures to be what we ought to be, and do what we might do, should be borne rather by us who teach, than by those who learn. We have had little cause to complain of a want of response to any proposals we have made to them, even to appeals which have demanded of them a considerable sacrifice of time and labour. Very recently several of them have come forward with great alacrity to assist a neighbouring institution, and have continued steadily to teach in its classes.

To more frequent and open communication between the teachers themselves, and between the teachers and the students, and to the influence which may be exerted upon us by Colleges which have been formed elsewhere in imitation of ours, we look mainly for a stimulus to make us more earnest in fulfilling the task we have undertaken. We are endeavouring to change our mere formal meetings into conferences on subjects connected with the well-doing of the College, in which teachers and students will take a part. We are very anxious that there should be the freest communication, through the Magazine, of thoughts which occur to one or another, for the improvement of our methods or of our social life. We especially invite the hints and animadversions of the members of other Colleges, who may have hence made many discoveries which we have not made, and corrected errors into which we have fallen.

The usual Reports of classes and of funds are subjoined.

Abstract of Secretary's Cash Account, 1860.

Dr.	£.	*s.*	*d.*
To Balance, December 1859	135	6	3
,, Donations	77	2	6
,, Students' Fees	320	10	0
,, Women's Classes, Rent	30	0	0
,, Secretary do.	10	0	0
,, Library Catalogues and Sundries	4	15	0
,, Adult School	28	3	0
,, Rent of No. 44, Great Ormond Street to Lady-day	47	5	10
	£653	2	7

Cr.	£.	*s.*	*d.*
By Interest on Mortgage, Insurance, Rates, and Taxes	69	18	0
,, Class Teachers (French and German)	32	16	0
,, Salaries	100	2	4
,, House Repairs, Fittings, and Furniture	34	16	0
,, Printing and Advertising	26	14	6
,, Firing and Lighting	74	15	9
,, Library, Office Expenses, House Expenses, and Sundries	23	11	4
,, Adult School	28	15	9
,, 44, Great Ormond Street, in reduction of advance on Mortgage	21	7	2
,, Interest on Mortgage of do., Insurance and Sundry Expenses	33	10	1
,, Balance (Inclusive of £95 15*s.* in Government Securities, Building Fund)*	206	15	8
	£653	2	7

Estimated Assets and Liabilities.

	£.	*s.*	*d.*
Freehold House and Ground, 45, Great Ormond Street, with Fixtures, Fittings, Furniture, Drawing Easels, Books, etc.	2000	0	0
Freehold House and Ground, 44, Great Ormond Street	1400	0	0
Three Quarters' Rent on do. to Christmas, 1860	70	18	9
Girls' School	5	0	0
One year's Interest on £100 Stock (less Income Tax)	2	17	6
Mr. W. Cooper (overcharge of Gas)	5	0	0
Cash Balance	206	15	8
	£3690	11	11

	£.	*s.*	*d.*
Mortgage on No. 45, Great Ormond Street	800	0	0
Mortgage on No. 44, do.	550	0	0
Gas, Taxes, Printing, Interest, and Sundries	50	0	0
Balance	2290	11	11
	£3690	11	11

Examined and found correct.

Henry E. Rawlins, } *Auditors.*
J. R. Evans, }

* Of this balance a further sum of £91. 17*s.* 6*d.* has since been invested in purchase of £100 Government stock, to be applied in reduction of the mortgage debt.

Donations, 1860.

	£.	s.	d.
Two Ladies—per Rev. F. D. Maurice	10	0	0
Mrs. Grahame	1	1	0
Rev. C. Kingsley	5	0	0
Mr. J. Lee	1	1	0
Godfrey Lushington, Esq.	5	0	0
Vernon Lushington, Esq.	10	10	0
Do. 2nd donation	5	5	0
Mrs. W. H. Martineau	1	0	0
Mr. T. Mein	0	2	6
R. B. Mansfield, Esq.	5	0	0
Sir T. Phillips	3	3	0
Sir Edward Strachey	5	0	0
Marwood Tucker, Esq.	10	0	0
T. O. T.—per Mr. Wilkins	0	10	0
Henry Vaugham, Esq.	10	10	0
Miss Williams Wynne	4	0	0
	£77	2	6

Since received.

	£.	s.	d.
Mr. J. Bromhall (student)	0	4	0
J. D. Campbell, Esq.	1	0	0
A. Johnstone, Esq. (Building Fund)	2	0	0
Vernon Lushington, Esq.	10	10	0
R. B. Mansfield, Esq.	5	0	0
W. H. Milligan, Esq.	1	0	0
Sir T. Phillips	3	3	0
Miss A. Smith	3	3	0

Table showing the Attendance on the various Classes, and the total Attendance each Term, from the Second Term of the Sixth Year to the First Term of the Seventh Year (January to Christmas, 1860).

	Sixth Year.			Seventh Year.		
	Second Term.	Third Term.	Fourth Term.	First Vacation Term.	Second Vacation Term.	First Term.
Drawing	54	50	35	16	11	52
Latin	25	34	19	7	3	34
French	58	70	40	39	25	79
Greek	4	4	—	—	—	—
English Grammar	34	30	24	17	7	37
English Composition	10	7	6	—	—	14
Logic	4	5	—	—	—	—
Bookkeeping	4	12	13	—	—	25
Arithmetic	15	17	10	2	2	22
Algebra	16	20	10	4	12	16
Geometry	15	21	6	6	3	20
The Microscope	3	4	—	—	—	—
Geology	6	—	—	—	—	7
History of England	9	7	7	—	—	13
English Literature	6	6	6	—	—	10
Vocal Music*	18	20	—	—	—	—
Botany	—	—	4	3	—	—
German	17	8	—	—	—	—
Readings on the Statutes of England, illustrative of its Social and Political History	6	—	—	—	—	—
Eight Tickets for a year's course have also been taken in French and one do. in Latin						
Total number each Term :—						
In College	316	405	335	199	199	394
In Preparatory Classes	47	55	27	11	4	49

* The Music Classes in connection with the College are now open to both sexes, and have an attendance of about seventy weekly. The *Bible Class* being free, no record is kept of the attendance.